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Bills of health were issued to the following vessels:

Date.	Name of vessel.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Oct. 24	Olympia.....	39	1	0	0
25	Brewster.....	33	0	0	0
26	Valencia.....	44	5	3	0
27	Buckman.....	36	0	0	0
29	Appomattox.....	47	0	0	0

CUBA.

Report from Cienfuegos.

Acting Assistant Surgeon McMahon reports, October 28, as follows: Week ended October 24, 1903. Bills of health were issued to four vessels going to ports in the United States. All in good sanitary condition and no sickness on board of any of them.

The mortuary report for this week and the week previous has not been received up to this date, and it will be forwarded as soon as I can obtain it.

No quarantinable disease has been reported in the city or arrived at this port.

I am making a thorough inspection of the entire city at present and hope to finish this week that I may make a report of the same on November 1.

Outbreak of scarlet fever in Habana, Matanzas, Regla, and Guanabacoa.

Assistant Surgeon Trotter reports, November 2, as follows: Doctor Alfonso, the sanitary inspector of the city government, stated this morning, November 2, that there were about 1,000 cases of scarlet fever in the city. The mortality has been about 7 per cent. Cases are also reported from Matanzas, Regla, and Guanabacoa. The mayor has issued an order closing all public and private schools in Habana. The Junta Superior de Sanidad are insisting upon isolation of the cases, disinfection of the premises, and other measures tending to the control of the disease.

Reports from Matanzas—Scarlet fever in Canasi—Mortuary statistics.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Nunez reports, November 3, as follows: Week ended October 31, 1903. Six bills of health were issued during same period to vessels leaving for ports in the United States; all in good sanitary condition.

Six cases of scarlet fever, of which 5 occurred at Canasi, a rural town within this district, about 24 miles distant, and 1 in the central part of this city, have been reported during the past week. The contagion in the first and sixth cases was directly traceable to Habana, where, according to local papers, over 400 cases have been reported lately. The epidemic assumes a mild type generally and, so far, shows a low rate of mortality. Strict measures are being taken by the health authorities with the case reported within the city. A permanent guard has been stationed opposite the door to prevent all communica-